

Appl. No. 10/669,499
Amdt. dated February 5, 2004
Preliminary Amendment

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Prior to this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1.-38. were pending. In this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-38 are canceled and new claims 39-62 are added so that claims 39-62 are pending and subject to examination on the merits. Entry of this Amendment is requested.

Support for new claims 39-62 can be found in the specification, claims, and drawings as originally filed. For example, support for independent claim 39 can be found at Figure 4 and the associated text in the specification as well as the originally filed claims. No new matter is added.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants request a favorable Action on the merits. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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